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## In Mississippi—Spirit Of '72—Enlargement Now

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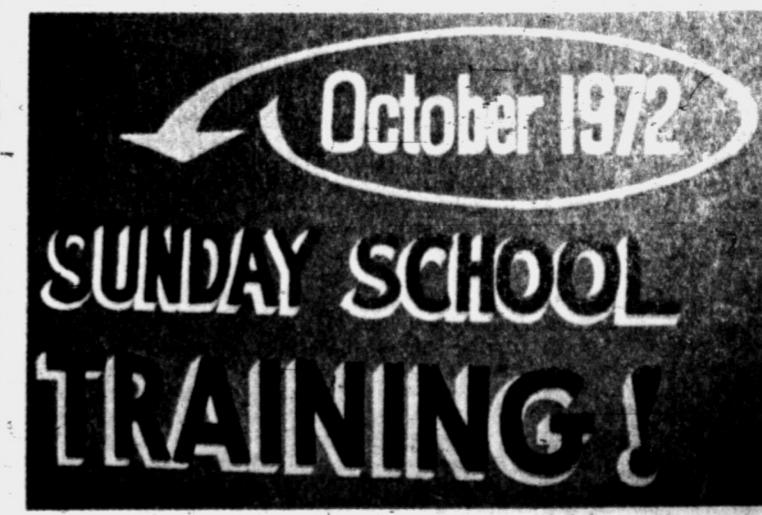
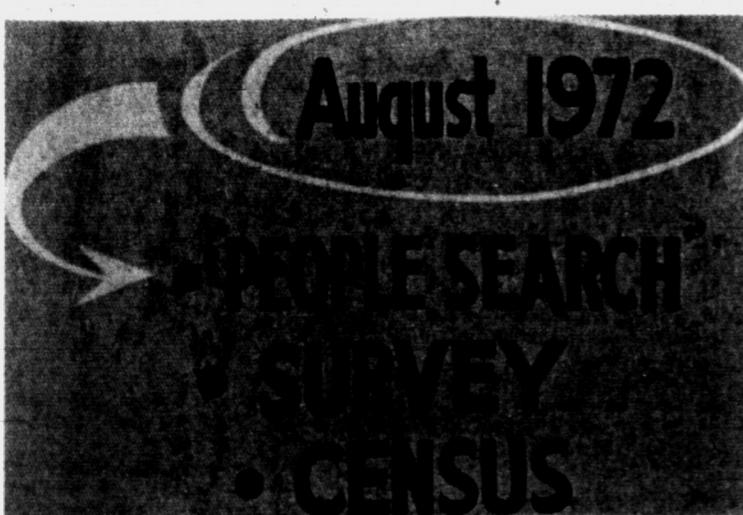
By P. A. Michel  
Pastor  
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I am a Baptist pastor today because of a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign I recognize that this is not the usual result of such a campaign but it did happen to me a number of years ago. At that time I was an educational director leading a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign in a church during their interim

period and the result was the pulpit committee invited me to be the church's pastor.

This came at a time when I was praying for God's leadership in this direction and in a very vivid way He answered me through the Sunday School of that church. However, that is not the main reason I am convinced of the worth of Sunday School Enlargement Campaigns, but rather because of the results I have seen from conducting them in a large num-

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## Presidential Panel

# Nonpublic School Relief Is Asked

WASHINGTON (BP) — The President's Panel on Nonpublic Education, in its long-awaited report, has recommended federal income tax credits to parents for part of their tuition payments to private and parochial schools.

The tax credit plan, estimated to cost \$500 million a year, is the most expensive of four major recommendations.

This plan "makes the best sense

from an economical, political and constitutional standpoint" of any of the current aid proposals for private schools now before Congress, according to panel chairman, Clarence Walton, president of Catholic University. The three other major proposals call for tuition reimbursements for nonpublic school children in any future plans for federal aid to education, a construction loan program, and federal assistance to inner-city poor families through a variety of programs.

Specific recommendations for the urban poor call for experiments with educational vouchers, supplemental income allowances for nonpublic school tuitions for welfare recipients and the working poor, an urban assistance program for public and nonpublic schools, and full enforcement of present laws entitling private school students with certain benefits.

## Suggestions Are Offered For Laymen Involvement In Mission Efforts



Owen Cooper (left), Yazoo City, Miss., enlists support for the Baptist World Alliance-sponsored conference and tour of Israel in November, 1973 from W. J. Isbell, director of the Baptist Men's Department of the Brotherhood Commission, and C. H. Seaton, Brotherhood director for Arkansas Baptists. Mr. Cooper spoke at the annual Brotherhood Program and Promotion Conference in Memphis.

## Charlotte Officials Honor Carl Bates As Local Leader, SBC President

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP) — Civic leaders here paid tribute to Carl E. Bates for his efforts at "strengthening the city's spiritual well being" and for the nationwide recognition he has brought the city during his two years as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church here for almost 13 years, was honored at a testimonial dinner in the plush City Club here.

He responded to the kudos from city leaders by saying the only recognition he wanted was the honor the city had accorded him "in allowing me to live among you."

Charlotte Chamber of Commerce President John Ryan, Mayor John Belk, and Wake Forest University President James Ralph Scales of Winston-Salem, N. C., each spoke words of praise for Bates.

Ryan, Southern Bell Telephone Co.

## Foundation Men Hear Canadian Report

VICTORIA, British Columbia (BP) — Meeting in western Canada here, the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives elected a South Carolina executive as the organization's president and heard a report on the history and development of Baptist churches in the area.

Gilbert Skaar, a former pastor here is now superintendent of missions for Southern Baptists in western Washington, gave the report on the history and development of 26 churches and church-type missions in three western Canadian provinces. The 26 churches are affiliated with the Northwest Baptist Convention in Oregon-Washington.

The executive secretary of the Northwest Convention, Dan C. Stringer, Jr., told the foundation executives of present needs in the entire North-

executive, paid tribute to the Charlotte pastor as a "great spiritual leader."

Mayor Belk presented keys to the city to Mrs. Bates, and their daughter, Judy, who was to be married the following week to Joseph W. Stoneham, the son of a deacon at the Charlotte church. To Bates, they presented a set of golf clubs.

Both Belk and Ryan noted the construction that is underway on the new \$1 million plus church plant in downtown Charlotte for First Baptist

Church. Completion is expected by July 1.

Scales used the testimonial dinner to announce that Wake Forest University will confer an honorary doctoral degree on Bates in the spring commencement.

The Wake Forest president praised Bates for his leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention, which is characterized as "a large, amorphous, brawling and even constructive people."

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## BATES NAMES CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates, in consultation with vice presidents of the 11.9 million member convention, has named four committee chairmen and a parliamentarian to serve during the denomination's convention in Philadelphia, June 6-8.

Named parliamentarian to assist Bates in presiding over business sessions was Robert Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Chairmen of four special committees were announced by Bates. They are: Randall Lolley, chairman, resolutions committee, and pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Dotson M. Nelson, chairman, committee on committees, and pastor, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham; Joe Hubb Collier, chairman, credentials committee, and businessman, lay preacher and former pastor from Oklahoma City; and George McCotter, chairman, tellers committee, and owner of the Tryon Moving and Storage Co., Lillington, N. C.

Payments for "mandated services" in parochial schools, pending a final decision by the court. Under this law parochial schools have been compensated by the state (about \$28 million annually) for performing required public services such as counting the number of their students.

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, commented: "There is a wholesome trend in this country to recover strict separation of church and state. It is a trend that it has to subsidize church-related schools to do so."

In New York yet another federal court has issued an injunction against

federal court avoided a similar plan to lend teachers and equipment to parochial schools.

In Pennsylvania on April 6 a three-judge federal panel found unconstitutional a plan to provide tax aid to parochial schools thru the device of tuition reimbursements. The court held that "the state has no more power to subsidize parents in providing religious education for their child than it has to subsidize church-related schools to do so."

In Vermont in March a three-judge

The 58-page report, entitled "Nonpublic Education and the Public Good," was released at a White House press conference. Prior to the hour-long press conference, Walton and two of the four panel members presented the report to President Nixon in a 45-minute private session.

President Nixon appointed the panel April 21, 1970, as part of a larger Commission on School Finance. He instructed the panel to study and evaluate the problems concerning nonpublic schools, the nature of the crisis confronting such schools, and to make recommendations for action "which will be the interest of our entire national educational system."

Neil H. McElroy, chairman of the 18-member Commission on School Finance, wrote a letter to President Nixon submitting the report of the Panel on Nonpublic Education. McElroy said that "it is important to recognize that it (the report) represents the views of the panel members and that it has been neither reviewed nor approved by the commission as a whole."

The earlier report from the commission, released the first of March, referred to a number of aid-programs for nonpublic schools, but there was a division among the members about recommendations for assistant to private schools that would be both practical and likely to win any later judicial challenge.

Walton, who presided at the press conference, said President Nixon is concerned to have this report "widely read and discussed."

He and fellow panelist Bishop William E. McManus, director of Catholic education in Chicago, were enthusiastic about the President's response to the recommendations. The other panelist present, Ivan E. Zylstra of Grand Rapids, Mich., did not

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## Speakers Ready For Evangelistic Rally

Dr. Jack Stanton, Director of Lay-Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, is well known throughout the convention and especially in Mississippi as a dynamic speaker whose purpose is to challenge and motivate men in the area of evangelism.

Dr. Stanton will bring the closing message of the area Laymen's Evangelistic Rally at First Baptist Church, Ellaville, Thursday, May 18.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary - Treasurer

of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, a former pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, well known for his evangelistic and missionary zeal, will direct the Bible Study periods for the rally on May 18.

This rally is jointly promoted by the Brotherhood and Evangelism Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

All evangelism leaders, both church and associational, as well as Brotherhood leadership is urged to make a special effort to attend.

The program will begin at 3:30 p.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. with no meal served at the church.

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The new program provides for a stronger emphasis on ministry and offers greater flexibility to a student's course of study.

Responding to the need expressed by Southern Baptist churches for a unified approach to ministry by staff members, the new seminary structure emphasizes a common educational ex-

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mendation of the faculty, the board voted to establish five divisions with a Dean of Academic Affairs as the chief academic officer for the seminary.

The divisions are: Division of Biblical Studies, Division of Theological and Historical Studies, Division of Pastoral Ministries, Division of Religious Education Ministries, and Division of Church Music Ministries.

Previously the seminary was divided into three separate schools for theology, religious education, and music students.

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May 7-14, 1972

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## State Man Is Speaker At Bible Conference—East

RICHMOND (BP) — More than 1,400 persons met at First Baptist Church here to study the Bible as a message of joy and hope and to discover the Bible's relevance to contemporary life during the National Bible Conference — East.

The sessions sounded the same themes of hope and joy that were voiced a month earlier at a similar National Bible Conference — West in Denver. Both were sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville in cooperation with local and area Baptists.

Featuring six Bible book studies, three conferences on the Bible and contemporary concerns, a joint conference on Philippians and four evening messages, the sessions here were led by noted Southern Baptist pastors and professors from across the nation.

Speaking at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., told conferees that the word of God, the gospel and experience are producers of hope.

Through these, he said, man finds hope of eternal life, hope for righteousness and hope for the resurrection. Joy in life, he concluded, comes as a result of these sources of hope.

During a "youth night" service concurrent with the opening session, Larry Rohrman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., told about 300 high school students that there are influences in the world that cause men to follow "the beat of the wrong drummer."

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## Seminary Trustees Okay Plans For Advancement

NEW ORLEANS — The Board of

Trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary ratified plans for an advanced format for the seminary's curriculum and degree pro-

grams, including a new Doctor of Ministry degree, during the annual board meeting this week.

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participate in the discussion.

When asked if Nixon "endorsed" the recommendation concerning tax credits, Chairman Walton reported that the idea was "perfectly acceptable" to the President.

McManus spoke up and cited recent speeches of the President where he had said "You can count on me" to find ways to aid parochial schools, and said he felt confident that the President would ask for tax credit legislation in the present Congress.

Later in the press conference, Nixon's staff would not commit the President to any position on the recommendations or to any specific timetable for legislation.

"The President is neither endorsing nor rejecting the recommendations. He appreciates the report and looks favorably on the recommendations," the White House press secretary declared.

Ronald Ziegler, White House press secretary, said the President sees tax credits as "an active option" in aiding parents of parochial school children. He insisted that the staff would study the panel's recommendations in light of their constitutionality before making any proposals to Congress.

The panel's report dealt at length with the complex issues of aid to parochial schools and present constitutional law as interpreted in a number of Supreme Court decisions.

Criticism of recent high court decisions cropped up at several places in the report.

The private school panel accused the court of an "inadequate perception of realities in parochial schools" in recent decisions striking down aid programs in Rhode Island and Pennsylvania.

The court has focused on the powers of the hierarchy, the role of the pastors, the teaching commitment of religious (orders); but has virtually ignored the parents, teachers, and pupils who are cut off from certain forms of public assistance, the panel argued.

In appealing for programs to aid private and parochial schools, the panel suggested a number of constitutional guidelines. They asked that "all school pupils should be eligible bene-

ficiaries of aid programs — preferably under a single statutory rubric."

Cash subsidies for direct aid to nonpublic schools "should be avoided

## State Man Named As Trustee Officer At Southern

LOUISVILLE (BP)—As part of a major administrative reorganization, trustees of Southern Baptist Seminary here have named two seminary staff members to newly-created vice presidential posts.

Named vice president for business affairs was Badgett Dillard, and elected vice president for development was Wesley M. Pattillo Jr.

Dillard, a native of Georgia, has been the seminary's director of administration and business manager since 1968.

Two longtime employees of the seminary were honored by the trustees. They paid tribute to T. R. Allen Jr., superintendent of building and grounds since 1939, who retires this summer to live in Phoenix, Ariz.; and D. Swan Haworth, professor of psychology of religion since 1960, who will become director of pastoral counseling at Bowman Gray Medical Center, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Re-elected as chairman of the board of trustees was Edward L. Byrd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Florence, S. C.

Also re-elected were the first vice-chairman, A. Douglas Aldrich of Gastonia, N. C.; and second vice-chairman, Joe Jack Hurst, an attorney from Jackson, Miss.

## State Man -- -- --

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In Louisville; Fred M. Wood, pastor, Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis; L. D. Johnson, chaplain, Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; A. Stuart Arnold, consultant, Sunday School department, SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville; Henry Burlington, pastor, University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Charles A. Trentham, pastor, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; E. D. McCreary, professor of philosophy of religion, Virginia Union University, Richmond; and Henry M. Chiles, pastor, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville.

The National Bible Conference—East was sponsored by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, the Virginia Baptist Convention, the Richmond Baptist Association, The Dover Baptist Association and the Middle River Baptist Association.

According to conference coordinator Chester Russell of the Sunday School Board, other associational, state and national Bible conferences are planned for 1973.

ed," the panelists agreed. Financial assistance for the benefit of a nonpublic school pupil should be subject to review by public authority, and systems of accountability for public benefits "must be balanced in ways which permit legitimate accountability while . . . avoiding excessive government entanglement," they urged.

## Church State Separation -- --

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### Court Rejects Missouri Attempt

On April 17 the U. S. Supreme Court affirmed a ruling of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri which prohibited public aid for religious purposes and institutions.

The suit, *Brusca v. State of Missouri*, brought by a group of parents with children in parochial schools, alleged that the denial of the benefit of tax funds to them is an abridgement of their right to freely exercise their religion and a failure to extend the benefit of state laws concerning education to all citizens.

The parents argued that Missouri law which prevented state tax aid to parochial schools violated their First Amendment rights for free exercise of religion and their Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection and due process of law.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State joined a group of eleven taxpayers of Missouri to intervene on behalf of the State of Missouri.

The lower court had ruled out any possibility of state aid to parochial schools.

This Supreme Court ruling was handed down on the very same day as that of a three-judge federal court in Ohio which declared unconstitutional an Ohio law providing \$30 million per year state aid for the parochial schools of that state.

E. Mallory Binns, director of Public Relations of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a frequent sponsor of court action against parochial aid, said today: "Those persons who cherish religious liberty in our great nation can be thankful for a consistent string of court victories. Since last June of 1971 the U. S. Supreme Court has ruled twice against parochial aid proposals. Courts in Vermont, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio have followed with similar rulings. Americans United will continue to plead in the courts against any attempt to saddle taxpayers with the burden of support of church institutions."

## The 1972 S. S. Campaign -- --

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are applied to personal conduct on the part of professed Christians, the insidious Satanic forces from the power of darkness are crouched, ready to pounce upon all that is holy and righteous at the slightest evidence of any weakness, not only in our county but throughout our state.

The answer to this danger is found in the word of God. If the multitudes find the answer, they must be enlisted in consistent Bible study under a dedicated teacher. Having discovered the answer, they must be led to apply the answer through faith that the word of God may become the lamp unto their feet and a light unto their pathway. Not only must babies be born; they must be nurtured and cared for on the road to maturity. The latter takes a long time and the growth is slow, but we must needs do it as never before if it is not too late. Are you making plans to do anything about it my fellow preachers?

## Midwestern's Doctor Of Ministry Degree Is Accredited

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has granted full accreditation of the Doctor of Ministry degree program to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The association, accrediting agency for colleges and universities with in eighteen-state area extending from Michigan to Arizona, had accredited the seminary at the Master's level during their 1971 session.

"People to People" — this is the key.

## Sunday School Campaign In Rural Associations

I readily admit, therefore, that a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign could be a rather painful experience for a rural church and could result in some restructuring of a church's fellowship. How deeply entrenched a church has become behind these barriers would determine the amount of struggle and effort necessary to experience growth.

The questions to be answered may be, ARE WE WILLING TO — Share leadership roles with new people? Settle grievances we may have with people inside and outside the church? Be Christian in resolving our differences within the church? Have a church



## Port Gibson Church Celebrates Centennial

The Port Gibson Baptist Church celebrated its centennial Sunday, April 23 with appropriate ceremonies, including a morning message by a former pastor, Rev. Nat Mayhall, now pastor of Elliston Church in Union County; dinner for everyone at the church; an afternoon service which included the reading of the church's history; a cornerstone service; and a reception from 3 until 5 o'clock. Shown in picture are, from left: Mr. Mayhall; Mrs. L. L. Ritchey, Mrs. E. D. Shaifer, J. Mark Jones, Mrs. Wm. May, Jr., members of Centennial Committee and Rev. L. B. Atchison, pastor. The church has recently been remodeled, including air-conditioning of the sanctuary.

## What I Expect Sunday School Campaign To Do For My Church

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needs of every age group. Probably some of your adult leaders have no idea what the pre-schoolers need or how they function. During this campaign there is a chance for all of the people to be oriented in all of the

## Purpose And Plan -- --

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Direct this effort. In many churches emphasis on improvement will probably receive greater emphasis than enlargement.

The month of October will be a time of training in Mississippi churches and associations. Selected or elected teachers in the churches are in Central or Group Associational Training Schools will study together the basic division and general Sunday School books in providing a strong projection towards the new '72-'73 church year.

A strong, cooperative effort on the part of Mississippi Baptists will provide us with a tremendous springboard into the year of 1973 — a year of Evangelism in Mississippi.

Our ambitions are to make this transition from 1972 to the year of Evangelism with a strong momentum having been gathered this year in the finding of prospects in the enlargement - improvement emphasis and special training.

This is the plan — Mississippi Baptists will initiate and forward this plan for the glory of our Lord as we place the priority on people.

## People To People -- --

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Made concerning updating enrollment, locating prospective workers, setting goals, i.e., attendance, people to be reached, follow-up visitation, ordering the necessary resources, etc.

Preparation for this endeavor has already begun with congregation involvement through sermons on "outreach," "motivation," "concern for the lost," and special presentations of the song "People to People" which has been used in a variety of ways.

The goal is to involve not only key leaders in this effort, but as many lay men and women to become concerned, to search out and locate prospective people, and then to enlist them in service for our Lord; and, when there is no knowledge of Christ, be willing and prepared to share this knowledge through the experience and learning gained during the outreach clinic. Primarily, the overarching objective is to lead the people of Braxton to see that this community has tremendous spiritual growth potential, and through such training sessions as this conference entails, that they can lead out in the spiritual growth and development of our community.

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which serves people rather than just trying to get people to serve the church? Give up a favorite class for the sake of serving the best interests of others? Get the facts about people by means of a survey rather than just guessing about them? Make adjustments in our teaching methods for consideration of some other methods that could possibly mean more effective Bible study? Do the will of the Lord regardless of the consequences?

A Sunday School Enlargement Campaign could reveal a need for Fellowship Bible Classes in the Community, Weekday Bible Study, a mission Vacation Bible School or a Bus Ministry. The need for a better teach-

## Suggestions Are Offered Laymen

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"Groups of men also can help people in trouble at roadside rest stops and give a Christian witness at the same time," Belew said. "They also can start Bible study groups in motels for those men who don't want to spend the night in the bar."

Belew also suggested projects in the areas of interfaith witness, mission fellowships, disaster relief, work with migrants, and work with Negroes.

Kenneth L. Chafin, the SBC Home Mission Board's director of evangelism who has arranged 2,500 lay evangelism schools in the last two years, called on state Brotherhood leaders to enlist and inspire key men to take this training.

Chafin said he plans to start 10 to 15 key city lay evangelism schools during the next 18 months. He also expressed a desire to work with Brotherhood leaders in the area of lay renewal.

In the area of foreign missions, Sammy DeBord of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, asked for the help of the state Brotherhood leaders in recruiting missionaries, particularly professional people, and in promotion of associational world missions conferences.

Cooper, who also is a member of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, asked the state Brotherhood leaders to help him enlist 1200 Southern Baptists to attend an international Baptist conference in Israel in November, 1973.

The state Brotherhood leaders voted to support the conference and build attendance through tours they may arrange.

## Charlotte Officials --

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"No man has led the convention as capably," Scales said.

In response, Bates said he was honored and humbled by the occasion and added that he felt he had made little contribution to the life of the city.

"But I have tried to be a good minister and man," he said.

He praised the laymen of the church, many of whom attended the dinner, for providing leadership in the church during his tenure as president of the 11.5 million members denomination. He thanked the dinner, including 1,500 invited civic leaders, denominational officials, local pastors and church members.

## NEWS BRIEFS

UKARUMPA, New Guinea (EP) — Fire in the cockpit of a plane operated by the Jungle Aviation and Radio Service, air arm of Wycliffe Bible Translators, caused a crash April 7 which took the lives of five missionaries.

Veteran pilot Doug Hunt of New Zealand was flying the Piper Aztec from Lae on the coast to Wycliffe's base at Ukarumpa when the fire led to an explosion and a crash in remote terrain. Dead along with the pilot are his passengers, Darlene Bee, a Ph.D. linguist from the U.S., Kathleen McNeil, a nurse and Wycliffe linguist from New Zealand, and Oren and Francine Claassen, Mennonite linguists working with the Rawa tribe.

Mr. Claassen is the nephew of Theodore Epp, founder of the Back to the Bible Broadcast in Lincoln, Nebraska.

RICHMOND (BP) — Miss Marjorie Lee Bailey, chaplain at the State Industrial Farm for Women and Pinecrest Center here for the past six years, has been ordained to the gospel ministry by Bainbridge Street Baptist Church. She is the first woman to be ordained by a church affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and apparently the third woman ordained to the ministry by a church in the Southern Baptist Convention. Historical records indicate the first woman ordained to the ministry by a Southern Baptist church was Miss Addie Davis, ordained in 1964 by Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham, N. C., and promptly called as pastor of an American Baptist church, First Baptist Church at Readsboro, Vt. In October of 1971, Kathwood Baptist Church of Columbia, S. C., ordained Miss Shirley Carter, then chaplain at the South Carolina State (mental) Hospital, who in January of this year became a religious and family counselor at the South Carolina prison for women in Columbia.

FORT WORTH (BP) — A Texas historical marker was dedicated here as part of the Founder's Day observance at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here. The marker, which designates the seminary as an official Texas historical site, is located at the main entrance to the campus.

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP) — Mrs. C. DeWitt (Ruth) Matthews, assistant professor of English at William Jewell College here, has been named Missouri Mother of the Year by the Missouri Mothers Association of the American Mothers Committee.

FORT WORTH (BP) — Actor George C. Scott, who refused an Oscar for his performance in *Patton* and is an avid collector of "fine films," has purchased a copy of a Southern Baptist produced documentary film on pollution for his private film collection. Scott had seen the documentary on ecology entitled "Home," on the American Broadcasting Co. (ABC-TV) network and was so impressed he wanted to buy a print for his personal film collection, the actor's representative told Holcomb.

CHICAGO (BP) — The College of Chaplains has awarded its Distinguished Service Award to a Southern Baptist seminary professor during their 26th annual convention here. Gaines S. Dobbins, distinguished professor emeritus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was cited on the highest honor given by this professional society. The citation particularly noted that Dobbins "was responsible for organizing the appointment of the first three clinically trained chaplains among Southern Baptists in their hospitals and for establishing two training centers which have been in existence since 1947."

LONDON (BP) — Geoffrey Locks, assistant editor of the "Baptist Times," will become the editor of the weekly publication of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland when Editor Walter Bottoms retires next year.

TAIPEI — A series of religious television dramas produced by the Taiwan Baptist Radio and Television Studio, Taipei, has won the Golden Bell Award for television programs in the "Service to Society" category. The award was presented by the Cultural Bureau of the Republic of China during the annual radio and TV Golden Bell Awards dinner in Taipei. The award citation is "for excellence in Radio-TV programming." The locally written and produced series, titled "Happiness at the Gate," consists of family situation dramas which seek to portray Christian solutions to life's problems and to offer Scriptural guidance for everyday life situations.

## New BSU Bus For BMC

At the close of a recent chapel period at Blue Mountain College, students, faculty, and staff were invited to go immediately toward the front of the Lawrence T. Lowrey Administration Building to witness the closing part of the assembly time. As the many students and members of the official personnel gazed in happy surprise, Rev. Robert Sugg, director of the college BSU, drove near the group in the new blue, white and silver chrome Baptist Student Union Bus. The new bus was made possible by gifts from friends of the college, students, members of the faculty and staff. It is already in use as an aid to the BSU outreach in all phases of mission work, choir music presentations, and trips to visit shut-ins and the ill.

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have often under-emphasized organization.  
There is also the barrier of inadequate Bible teaching. Children may be forced to attend Sunday school even if nothing is gained, but not adults. This is a big hurdle to cross in some of our rural churches for a sustained increase in adult attendance.  
Lastly, I note the barrier in many rural churches where activity is limited to the church building. Everybody in the community supposedly knows where our church building is, what it's for and who would be welcomed.

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## EDITORIAL

### Spirit Of '72 - Enlargement Now

These words are being heard and seen often around Mississippi these days. They are the key words in the Mississippi Baptist program to enlarge the Sunday schools in our churches this year. Turn back to page one of this issue of the Record to learn what the program is about and what is being done.

Southern Baptists long ago discovered that the Sunday school can be used as one of the most effective agencies of growth and advance, that the Lord ever has given to the churches. They discovered that churches which enlarged their Sunday schools were the churches that were reaching more people, were having more souls saved, were baptizing more new members, and were seeing advance in programs, in growth, in budgets, in missions, and in every other way.

The record of Southern Baptist growth in the second third of this century, is clear proof that when Sunday schools are built, the churches grow. The convention had the fastest Sunday school growth in those years of any denomination in American history, and at the same time saw the largest general advance any large denomination has known. It is a record without parallel anywhere.

However, in the mid-sixties, some-

thing happened. Sunday school growth began to lag, and the whole program began to slow up. Actually, from about 1965 to the present there has been a continued drop in Sunday school enrollment, and its effect has been felt in almost the entire program of the churches. Baptisms declined, and growth was slowed down. Finances continued to grow because of the economy, but not with the acceleration that had been experienced in the years immediately preceding, when the Sunday schools still were growing.

Both Southern Baptist and Mississippi Baptist leaders saw what was happening, and many measures were used to try to change the situation. Thus far those efforts have not been very successful, although the number of baptisms did increase last year. Sunday school growth, however, has continued to lag.

Facing this situation Mississippi Baptist leaders determined last year to change it. At that time decision was made to make the year 1972 a year in which we would seek to bring the direction of Sunday school enrollment, back to a growth pattern. The entire staff of the convention board was enlisted to participate. The problem was discussed with pastors and other leaders all across the state, and a statewide program was adopted. Leaders in every association in the state have been contacted, and enlisted to lead in participation of that area. Hundreds of churches and pastors already are enlisted. It is clear now that the Sunday school enlargement programs in August, September and October, probably will see the widest participation of any enlargement program ever attempted in the state.

May, June and July are preparation months.

August will be the month when churches will go out to find the people who need to be reached.

September will be the time of setting up programs and plans for reaching the prospects who have been found, and beginning to bring them in.

October will be a time for strengthening the Sunday school in its teaching, its organization, and in its whole ministry.

We predict that this well may be the beginning of the greatest Sunday school advance our churches ever have seen.

We sincerely hope that every church in the state, both large and small, will become involved.

They have a voice in the decisions which are made there. They receive a first hand report on the things that are done.

They help their pastor to grow in understanding of the denominational program, and the whole fellowship of Baptists, and thus bring to their church the personal touch with the world Baptist family.

If you have not already done so, now is the time to provide a way for your pastor and others to go.

This should be the spirit of '72. ENLARGEMENT . . . in every church in the state . . . NOW!

### Your Church Should Be Represented

Your church should have messengers present at the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia.

This is not just a routine meeting, but is expected to be another in which important issues will be discussed and major decisions made.

Attendance needs to be as large or larger than any time in recent years. We hope that Mississippi can have several hundred messengers present.

The practice among most Southern Baptist churches is to send the pastor, and usually his wife, and pay their expenses. Many churches also ask laymen to go, and either pay, or share in paying their expenses.

Hundreds of churches in Mississippi should make arrangements now for the pastor and his wife to go, and to pay



their whole expense. Those which can do so also should seek to be represented by laymen.

Few investments which the church can make, will bring a larger return than sending the pastor to the annual national convention.

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to devote his entire life and talent to the service of God. The man who is known as the world's most beloved singer, tells much of the exciting story both of his early life and of his long years with Billy Graham. This is a book which you will want to linger with and return to for spiritual uplift.

**PROFITABLE BIBLE STUDY** by Wilbur M. Smith (Baker, 166 pp., pocketbook paper, \$1.65).

The second revised edition of a very popular volume by one of today's greatest Bible teachers, Dr. Wilbur M. Smith. Dr. Smith discusses the value of Bible study, methods of Bible study, the Bible reading habits of some well-known men and then includes a list of over 100 basic books which the serious Bible student could well have in his library.

**MIRACLES IN MY LIFE** by Rex Hubbard (Revell, 125 pp., \$3.95).

Rex Hubbard has led in the development of a great independent church in Akron, Ohio and now has a nationwide television program. His church is known as the Cathedral of Tomorrow and he is building an ever growing complex of Christian activity in relationship with it. This is his own personal story of his life from his boyhood in Arkansas to the worldwide ministry of the present hour.

**PREACHING VALUES IN TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION** by David A. MacLean (Abingdon, 192 pp., \$4.75). Brief studies of over 140 key passages in the new translation "Good News For Modern Man." These are not sermons but studies which should open windows for sermon preparation. At the same time the book should prove to be of great value for devotional study since it gives outlines on many of the great texts of the New Testament.

**TWO A PENNY** by Stella Linden and David Winter (Tyndale, 128 pp., \$3.95) A story from London. It was made into a film by the Billy Graham Organization. In this edition it is in a popular form for wide reading.

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### NEWEST BOOKS

**GROWING IN ONENESS** by John C. Howell (Convention, 140 pp.).

Another book in the Southern Baptist Convention study course. This one deals with Christian marriage and discusses how to make that marriage a home Christian.

**A CHURCH AT WORK** by Allen W. Graves (Convention Press, 136 pp.).

A study of the modern church and its program. The author is a dean at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In this volume he discusses the varied relationships, polity and programs of the New Testament church. This is a study course volume.

**WAYS TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL** by Gerald D. Iverson (Baker, 109 pp., \$1.95).

This is the adult volume, the international center for learning teachers-leaders success handbook. This volume is especially directed toward adults. While this is not a Southern Baptist program, we are sure that our leaders can find valuable help in it.

**WAYS TO HELP THEM LEARN** by Barbara J. Bolton (Baker, 149 pp., paper, \$1.95).

The International Center for learning handbook of guidance for setting up Bible teaching programs for children grades 1 to 6. While this is from another Christian group, it has valuable suggestions which should prove most helpful to Baptist leaders.

**LIGHTNING FLASHES** Poems by Mark Lowry (Published by the author, Rt. 7, Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240, 75 pp., \$2.00).

The author formerly pastored in Mississippi. He also served pastorate in Kentucky, was three years a Chaplain in World War II, and taught in Bethel Baptist College in Hopkinsville, Ky. He presents 43 of his poems which he chooses to call "Lightning Flashes". They are divided into four areas of truth. Part one is flashes of naked truth, giving views of the author concerning events of the mid-sixties. Part two is flashes of providential care. Part three — flashes of kingdom activity and part four — flashes of human emotion. Each poem brings a message of truth and the author is able to express his own soul's feelings through the instrument of well-chosen words. You will find this to be a most readable and rewarding selection of poetry. The book is attractively mimeographed with a paper cover.

**SUSPECT TENDERNESS** by William Stringfellow and Anthony Towne (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 177 pp., \$5.95).

Two men who were involved in the Berigan Case present their views concerning it. Many readers will not agree with the conclusions of the volume, but will better understand the point of view of those involved.

**SONGS THAT LIFT THE HEART** by George Beverly Shea (Revell, 125 pp., \$3.95).

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**NATURE: GARDEN OR DESERT** by Eric C. Rust (Word, 150 pp., \$4.95).

Dr. Rust is a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This book discusses a theology on the environment. He presents a biblical approach to nature, the scientific background of environmental problems, man the predator or a spoiler of the environment and then deals with contemporary insight and finally the Christian responsibility for the environment.

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**MIRACLES AND PARABLES OF THE BIBLE IN CROSSWORD PUZZLES** (Baker, paper, \$1.50)

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**THE JESUS PEOPLE — OLD-TIME RELIGION IN THE AGE OF AQUARIUS** by Ronald Enoth, Edward E. Ericson, and U. Breckinridge Peters (Eerdmans, 249 pp., \$1.95) A thorough study of the Jesus Movement in America today. Here we see hippies and drug addicts professing their Christianity; young people picketing theaters and pornographic bookstores urging repentance; people of all ages claiming new meaning and purpose in life. Chapters deal with the movement in its many facets and locations. The authors seek to show the false and the true in this movement, but do not cover up anything. The book is profusely illustrated and one reads its pages with amazement, with bewilderment, and with mixed emotions.

**SIMPLE SERMONS ON LIFE AND LIVING** by W. Herschel Ford (Zondervan, 116 pp., \$2.95) This book is another in the almost legendary "simple Sermons" series by Dr. Ford. Included are 11 sermons on varied topics.

**THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER** by G. Campbell Morgan (Baker, paper, 128 pp., \$1.95) Reprint of the book first published in 1906. Reflections on the disciples' request, "Lord, teach us to pray."

**INSPIRING FINGER TIP DEVOTIONS** by Amy Bolding (Baker, \$2.50, 104 pp.) Brief and varied devotions by the well-known author of the series, "Please Give A Devotion."

**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND THE OLD TESTAMENT** by A. A. van Ruler (Eerdmans, 104 pp., paper \$2.45) This scholar believed that the Old Testament message was definitely related to the New Testament revelation. The book was written several years ago and just now is being translated into English. It provides needed enlightenment on the relationship of the Old Testament and the New.

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### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Seminary Students

#### In Mississippi

#### Pastorates

Dear Doctor Odle:

I read with interest the letter to the editor from Reverend Frank Lescallete of Vancleave, Mississippi, encouraging pastorless churches to consider New Orleans Seminary students as prospective for pastoral leadership. Many of our students are serving with great effectiveness. They are able to be with their churches Friday night through Monday in view of the fact that our classes are scheduled Tuesday through Friday. They are men of maturity, most of whom have already completed four years of college work. Their commitment is obvious and they are in touch with the latest methods and techniques of leadership.

In the event that churches desire to investigate the possibilities of calling one of these dedicated men, they may correspond directly with Reverend Bob May, Church Work Consultant, New Orleans Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana 70126.

Most cordially yours,  
Ray P. Rust  
Executive Asst to President  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

#### EDUCATION...what's happening

**Washington (UPI)** — There were new warnings recently that Americans soon may face drastic restrictions on their use of their automobiles, especially in downtown areas, as part of the price of cleaning up the air. One scientist said rush hour traffic on ridges, in tunnels, at toll booths and other traffic bottlenecks will have to be reduced by 75% to meet clean air standards the government has ordered for mid-1975. Russell E. Train, President Nixon's top environmental spokesman, also predicted cities will have to limit traffic to meet the 1975 standards. "There will have to be changes in traffic patterns, in the freedom to use automobiles in downtown areas," Train said. "There will be an increased effort for the development of mass transportation." (Greenville Piedmont, 3-27-72)

What spiritual state will your life be in when you die and go to meet God? I can tell you one thing for sure, you'll die just exactly as you have lived. — John Bisagno in *The Power of Positive Preaching to the Saved*, a Broadman book

Every step that a man takes away from God is a step down. — John Bisagno in *The Power of Positive Preaching to the Saved*, a Broadman book

It will be a glorious day for those who are saved and living for Him. It will be a terrible day for those who are unsaved. — Joe Odie in *Is Christ Coming Soon?*, a Broadman book

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## Mississippi College: Good Steward

By Chester E. Swor

The nature of my work has permitted me to visit practically all of the outstanding college and university campuses of a large part of our nation. I have seen their buildings and equipment; I have reviewed their curriculum offerings; I have surveyed their faculty lists; I have learned something of their contributions to American life. Therefore, I have more than a sectional or provincial basis for this observation: I believe that Mississippi College has done more and gone farther with the resources and facilities available to it than has any other small college in America.

During times of financial crisis, the college has retrenched, but it has steadfastly refused to lower the quality of faculty or curriculum. During the blackest part of the depression of the 1930's with faculty personnel understandably reduced in number, the college had a magnificent quality of scholarship on its faculty; and, during that difficult

period, the college revised all of its scholarship demands of students to the highest level in its history. During my undergraduate years, I learned from old-timers that, even when the college had only three buildings (Chapel, Middle Building, Academy Building), there was a very real sense of greatness of personality and quality of instruction, despite minimal buildings and equipment.

Therefore I feel that the commendation of Matthew 25:21 can be accorded our Alma Mater for her good stewardship of whatever resources have been available to her through the years: "... Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

It is my profound conviction that Mississippi College, an excellent steward of past resources, deserves even larger resources... larger, even than the reasonable goal in the current Commitment Campaign!

## Uniform Lessons Are 100 Years Old

NASHVILLE — One hundred years ago, on April 18, 1872, the widely popular plan of Sunday School lessons known as the Uniform Series had its birth. The organization of a committee to plan such lessons was accomplished in Indianapolis, Indiana, in connection with the meeting of the Fifth National Sunday School Convention.

"This was a highly significant forward step in the history of the Sunday School movement," says Howard P. Colson, editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "The 1872 action followed years of confusion in Sunday School lesson publishing."

The Uniform Lesson system came into being and was popularized mainly through the influence of two men—a young Methodist preacher, John H. Vincent, and a Baptist lay Sunday School superintendent, B. F. Jacobs, both of Chicago.

In celebration of the centennial, the present committee on the Uniform Series will hold its annual meeting in Indianapolis, April 23-28.

About 50 per cent of Southern Baptist churches now use Uniform lessons. The series is currently known to Southern Baptists as the Convention Uniform Series. These Sunday School Board lessons are written only by Southern Baptist writers, even though the selection of Bible passages and topics is done by the interdenominational committee, explained Colson in commenting on the plan.

During the century of Uniform Lesson history, Southern Baptists have exerted a strong influence on the committee, said Colson.

"In 1878, John A. Broadus, professor at Louisville Seminary, was elected to the group and in time became probably its most powerful member. Upon the death of Broadus in 1895, John R. Sampey, also professor at Louisville, was chosen to succeed him. He served on the committee for almost half a century and was chairman for twenty-seven years. Clifton J. Allen, now retired editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, served on the committee twenty-seven years and was its chairman from 1960 to 1967. During more than one third of its existence, the group has had a Southern Baptist chairman," Colson said.

## Ora Church Sets Homecoming May 7

Ora Baptist church will have Homecoming on May 7. We want to invite all who have been connected with our church over the years to return and have fellowship with us on this day. There will be dinner after the morning service and special music that afternoon.

Former pastor Alex Abercrombie will be the speaker for the morning services and former music director Billy Massengale will be leading the singing and presenting special music.

"God loves you! That's what Charist is all about." Ron Willis in *A View from the Streets*, a Broadman book.

## Alumnae, May Day Set For Blue Mountain College

Events for the all-important weekend of Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, are listed especially in the interest of former students and graduates of Blue Mountain College, their families, and friends. Also, the early information is published for the purpose of extending a cordial welcome to the general public in phases of the programs to which everybody is invited.

On Friday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m., there will be a meeting of the National BMC Alumnae Association Board which will be held in the office of Dr. E. Harold Fisher, College President. At 6:30 p.m. on the same date, a reception honoring members of the Reunion Classes—1971, 1967, 1957, 1947, 1937, 1922, and 1912, will be held in Whitley Residence Hall Faculty Drawing Room. At 8:00 p.m., also on Friday, May 5, the spring musical production, "My Fair Lady," will be presented with its second performance in Garrett Auditorium.

The schedule for Blue Mountain's momentous May Day, Saturday, May 6, is as follows: All Day Art Exhibition (General Art Show) to be held on the third floor of the Lawrence T. Lowrey Administration Building, and individual Senior Art Exhibitions which will be set up in the Paschal

Student Center by art major and minors—Linda Atkinson, Decatur, Ala.; Gladys Bowlin, Hickory Flat, Willie Medford, Blue Mountain, and Jamie Reeder, Pontotoc; Alumnae Registration, Paschal Student Center, 9:00 a.m.; Business Session for Alumnae, Garrett Auditorium, 9:45 a.m.; Joyce Hall Beasley (Mrs. William M.) of Tupelo, presiding; 11:00 a.m., Recognition of Reunion Classes, Garrett Auditorium; Closing morning feature, Announcement of "Alumna of the Year"; 12:00 noon, Alumnae Luncheon, Ray Dining Hall—Program Speaker, Jane Ray Bean Denny (Mrs. Robert), Arlington, Va., a 1947 graduate of Blue Mountain College and for five years, Baptist Student Union Director of the College; 1:30 p.m., Individual Class Reunions to be held in places designated on Alumnae Day Programs; 4 p.m., Seventy-Second May Festival and Coronation of Queen Jamie Reeder of Pontotoc by Dr. E. Harold Fisher, College President, Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium; and 8:00 p.m., the third performance of the BMC spring production, "My Fair Lady," Garrett Auditorium. May Day guests and the general public are cordially invited to view the General and Individual Art Exhibitions and the May Festival Program.

## To Reign At May Festival

On May 6, at 4:00 p.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, Jamie Reeder (left) of Pontotoc will reign over the traditional May Festival as the seventy-second May Queen, and Sandra Williams (right) of Clarksdale will serve as Maid of Honor. Miss Reeder is the daughter of Mrs. Jamie Ruth Reeder and the late Mr. Reeder of Pontotoc, and Miss Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams of Clarksdale.

## Four Seminary Professors To Lead Mediterranean Cruise Study Program

Four professors from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will combine their 75 years of graduate level teaching experience to make a 16-day Mediterranean jet cruise more memorable for 280 persons this summer.

The group will jet from Dallas to Athens on June 12 and then board the 300-capacity Greek ship which will serve as a floating hotel for a cruise of six countries and three Greek isles.

Dr. Curtis Vaughan, Dr. Huber Drumwright and Dr. Gene LaCoste Munn, professors of new Testament, and Dr. William Tolar, professor of biblical backgrounds, will lead daily on-board dinner hour discussions on the historical, archeological and biblical settings of the places to be visited each day.

The professors have also prepared a souvenir notebook for a day-by-day guide for the itinerary, which covers the footsteps of Jesus and the journeys of Paul, and the churches of Asia Minor.

The cruise study program is made more enjoyable, according to Dr. David Meier, founder of Meier International Study League, the sponsors of the cruise, since the traveller is not constantly shifting to another hotel. This concept is an outgrowth of experience gained on similar cruises by Dr. and Mrs. Meier, who during the past three years have personally escorted more than 1,000 travellers to points around the world.

"Attendance at the discussion groups is entirely at the option of the passenger," said Dr. Meier. "It is simply an effort to make the sights more meaningful and the investment in the trip more valuable."

Only \$985 pays for the round-trip air fare from Dallas, the cruise, all meals, sightseeing, transfers and portage.

A free color brochure with more details about the study program, the itinerary and the accommodations on the ship is available from Meier International Study League, 1209 Redbud Dr., Hurst, Tex. 76053. Or one may contact any of the professors involved at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, P. O. Box 22000-V, Fort Worth, Tex. 76116.

Information about course credit from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is also available upon special request.

## Hawaii Baptists

### Purchase New Home For Academy

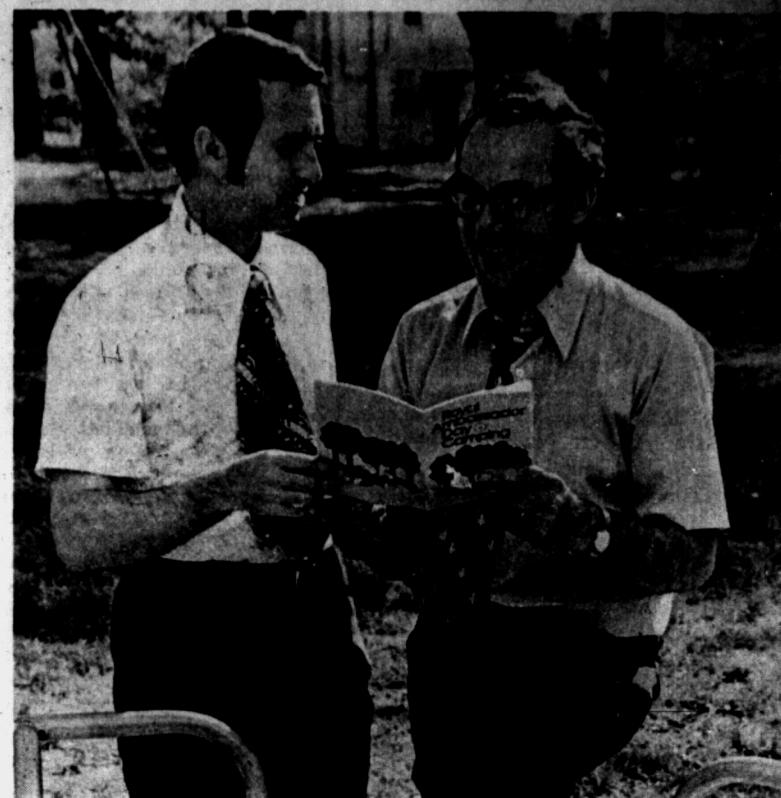
HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP) — The Hawaii Baptist Convention, in a public auction here, has purchased a 13½ acre estate at a cost of \$353,000 as the new home of the Hawaii Baptist Academy.

Purchase of the property for the academy was authorized in a called meeting of the convention's Executive Board one day prior to the public auction.

Included on the "beautifully landscaped property" is a large residence with 9,000 square feet of floor space. The building was constructed of reinforced concrete in 1910.

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New Day Camping Book

Paul Harrell, Mississippi Brotherhood associate, got a preview of Royal Ambassador Day Camping, published recently by the Brotherhood Commission during the annual Brotherhood Planning and Promotion Conference in Memphis, April 18-20. Examining the book with Harrell is Clayton Gilbert, Crusader consultant at the Commission. The day camping guide is now available in Baptist book stores for \$1.00. — Brotherhood Commission Photo by Tim Fields

## Regional Mission Action Workshop Scheduled For Ouachita University

Mississippi residents will have a second chance at intensive mission action training May 17-19.

This, the ninth of fifteen regional mission action workshops, will be held at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

The workshop, part of the first large-scale mission action training project ever fielded, is sponsored by

Present staff members are Dr. Charles Myers, pastor; Marian Seward, minister of education; Bill Pharr, minister of music; Mrs. Norman Rodgers, organist; Mrs. W. L. Crumpton, kindergarten director and Mrs. W. K. Everett, hostess.

The present church membership is 2,456 with a Sunday School enrollment of 2,085.

Friends and former members are invited to come back to Alta Woods Sunday, May 7, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church.

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## Names In The News

Randy McKinney, 18, pictured, was licensed to the gospel ministry on March 3 by Riverport Church, Greenville. A graduate of Leland Academy, he is now a student at Clarke College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hodges of Leland.

William Caten, a student at Mississippi College, has been called as Youth Director of the Harrisville Baptist Church (Simpson County). William began his work April 1 and will continue until school begins. William is married the former Shelia Hope of Leland. William is the son of Mrs. Tommie Simpson of Millry, Alabama.

Perry (Perk) Perkins of Greenwood has been elected president of the Mississippi College Baptist Student Union for the 1972-73 school session in a campus-wide election.

Perkins, a junior, defeated sophomore Darrell Boggs of Laurel for the top post. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Perry Clifford Perkins of Greenwood.

Rev. Durwood E. McGuffee, pictured, was ordained to the gospel ministry at Bethel Church near Newton on April 9. He had been licensed to preach by the same church last year. Rev. J. H. Bethune, Bethel pastor, preached the ordination sermon. Dr. John F. Carter gave the charge to the Lawrence Church, where Mr. McGuffee is pastor. Presentation of the Bible from Bethel Church was made by Howard Mason, chairman of deacons. Dr. W. L. Compere delivered the charge to the candidate. Others on program were Rev. Woodie Burt, Rev. T. L. Everett, Herbert Valentine, and Rev. Thomas Kilpatrick. Mr. McGuffee is married to the former Carolyn Walker of Newton, and they are the parents of Sherry, 7, and Durwood, Jr., 2. After graduation from Clarke this spring, Mr. McGuffee plans to enter Mississippi College.

Dr. John R. Blair, professor of education at Mississippi College, has been selected as one of 18 education teachers throughout the country to attend a special college teacher program in elementary science education at the University of Houston June 5-23 under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation.

Rev. Ebert Hunsucker, (pictured) pastor of new Harmony Baptist Church, Potts Camp, was ordained to preach 3 years ago in May. He and his wife Virginia have two children, Sandra and Kevin. He entered armed service during the Korean war in 1952, he graduated from basic training in Camp Roberts in California.

Elected by students of Blue Mountain College to fill places of leadership on the Baptist Student Union Council for 1972-73, are the following: President, Teresa Collins, Corinth; Vice-President, Marilyn Lamphere, Tupelo; Secretary-Treasurer, Bonnie Byrd, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Devotional Chairman, Judy McCormick, Memphis; Enlistment Chairman, Brenda Yarborough, Saltillo; Missions Chairman, Betty McLemore, Columbus; Music Director, Joanne Pryor, Jacksonville, Fla.; Social Chairman, Cindy Boyd, Memphis; Publicity Chairman, Brenda McGee, Germantown, Tenn.; Christian Citizenship Chairman, Linda Nolan, Pittsboro; Sunday School Director, Wanda Weatherly, Fulton, Ala.; Training Union Director, Beverly Hemphill, Leland; and Faculty Advisor, G. Edward Ludlow.

Rev. Landres E. Wilburn, Lincoln County, has accepted Shiloh Memorial Church, Gulf Coast Association, effective April 2. He was pastor at Big Springs Church two years and there were 19 additions during that time.

Carey College ministerial student, James Beck, was ordained recently to the Gospel Ministry by the Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. Beck, a Dean's List Scholar at Carey, has been called as pastor of the Neely Baptist Church in Neely. He was formerly minister of youth at Main Street in Hattiesburg. Dr. John Barnes officiated at the ordination service and was assisted by the father, D. C. Beck, and father-in-law, N. A. Pugh, of the candidate. Dr. Harold Fuggian of New Orleans Seminary gave the charge and Dr. O. A. Sullivan prayed the closing prayer. Beck is married to the former Marcia Pugh and the couple has two daughters, Stacy and Kris.

Rev. and Mrs. William D. Moseley, missionary appointees for Brazil, may now be addressed at 3833 Seventh St., N. St. Petersburg, Fla. 33703. A Floridian, Moseley was born in Wauchula and later lived in Avon Park and St. Petersburg. Mrs. Moseley is the former Barbara Cooke of Crowder, Miss.

Jimmy Knight, new youth director, was welcomed into the Carnation Church on Sunday, April 9. He was presented the key to the church. Knight is a student at Clarke College. He participated in the North East High School Band in Laurel for six years, was minister of music at Parkhaven Church, Laurel, and for the past two years has been a member of the Trailmen Quartet, an evangelistic singing group. He is also a member of the Chorus and Chorale at Clarke College. He was licensed to the gospel ministry in January, 1970, and has preached and participated in revivals, youth retreats, youth rallies, and youth associational meetings in many areas. Already there have been four decisions as a result of his work in the church. Rev. Edward Pennergrast is pastor.

Bill McIntosh has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi Baptist Hospital for the 1972-73 academic year.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy McIntosh of McComb, and a graduate of Southwest Junior College at Summit. He is a first year x-ray student at the hospital.



In picture at left Rev. George Harper (at left), pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, Magee, presents certificate of ordination to Jimmy McNair, who surrendered to preach. In photo at right the pastor is giving certificate to Terry Runnels, who also has surrendered to preach. Both are available for supply. Call 849-5112 at Magee!

Mr. and Mrs. Bob G. Magee, missionaries who have completed language study in Costa Rica, were scheduled to fly April 20 to Chile (address: Casilla 3388, Santiago, Chile). Both are natives of Mississippi he is from Tylertown, and she is the former Dolores Bradley of Gulfport. Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970, he was minister of music and associate pastor of Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss., for nearly two years.



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### Home Board Appoints Seven From Clarke

Excitement reigned at the Clarke College student post office recently as exuberant students ripped open envelopes bearing the return address of the Home Mission Board. "I'm going to New York!" "Oh, boy, I'm going to work in Texas this summer with the Spanish-speaking people!" Fellow students crowded around, rejoicing with those who had received definite appointments and those who were notified of their selection as alternates. The following students, and their places of

service for the summer, are freshmen at Clarke: Ricky Henson of Meridian, for North Carolina; Ralph Henson, of Meridian, for North Dakota. Graduating sophomores include: Beth Pilgrim of Philadelphia, for New York; Jon Jarred of Pensacola, Fla., also for New York; Jan Williams of Jackson, for Washington-Oregon; Wil Philpot of Camden, Ala., for Indiana; and Rebecca Pichs of Cuba, for Texas. The two alternates selected are Freshmen Belva Booker of Meridian and Pam Crawford of Jackson.

### East Philadelphia Calls Pastor

Rev. Olyn Roberts, his wife Eloise, and thirteen year old daughter Debbie, were called in late March and are now on the field. Their address is P. O. Box 304, Philadelphia.

Olyn and his family are natives of Louisville, and just recently returned from Juneau, Alaska, where they served for almost three years. He is a 1957 graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

### Harrisville Church Experiencing Growth

Harrisville Baptist Church is experiencing one of the greatest revivals ever. In March, Rev. Billy Thomas led in revival services at the church, and a great awakening has been experienced in the community. Young people have been witnessing and having prayer meetings.

The church has had 17 professions of faith and four by letter, and there have been a vast number of re-dedications.

Rev. J. A. McCain, the pastor, says, "I came to this church almost seven years ago, and I have not seen this spirit in this church and community since I have been here."

The Sunday School and Church Training attendance have increased tremendously.

### L. D. Wall Accepts Post In Attala

Rev. Leon D. Wall, (pictured), superintendent of missions of the Grenada-Yalobusha Associations, has accepted a similar position with the Attala Baptist Association, effective May 1.

Mr. Wall, a native of Louisiana, is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He has pastored churches in Louisiana, and Mississippi. His last pastorate before entering Associational Missions was the First Baptist Church, Tutwiler, Miss.

While serving as pastor, he served six years on the Mississippi Baptist Board from Leflore and Tallahatchie Associations. He also served as president of the Clarke College Alumni Association in 1966.

Bro. Wall is married to the former Beryl Joyce Wall of Lake Providence, La. They have one son Ronnie, who is Athletic Director at Itta Bena. He and his wife Linda have two daughters, Sandee and Susan.

The Attala Baptist Association is sponsoring a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wall, Sunday, May 7, at the First Baptist Church of Kosciusko, from 2:00-4:30 p.m.

## Coffee, Carnations' Theme Of National Hospital Week At State Baptist

"Coffee and Carnations" is the theme of National Hospital Week at Mississippi Baptist Hospital May 7-13. "We hope all our friends will drop

by for a cup of coffee during the week," said hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor. "We know how busy everybody is these days," said Pryor. "But the coffee pot is on, for those who can come by." Ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary will pour coffee in the lobby and at the emergency-room entrance.

They will be on hand from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and again from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. May 8, May 10, May 11 and May 12. On Tuesday, May 9, volunteers will greet physicians and present them with bright red carnations. "This will be done as a token of our appreciation for the excellent men who make up our medical staff," said Pryor.

Mrs. Katherine Feldman, hospital hostess and coordinator of volunteers, is chairman for the observance. She said tours of the hospital will be available on request throughout the four "coffee" days. "We will be glad to escort our friends over the hospital or just take them to any portion they'd like to see," she said.

"So many people have expressed interest in our Progressive Care Unit," said Mrs. Feldman. "This would be a good chance for them to see the P.C.U., if they care to."

The unit, across the street from the main hospital, has been referred to by some as "The Baptist Hilton" because of its modern decor for patients who do not need around-the-clock nursing service.

National Hospital Week is sponsored annually by the American Hospital Association. The idea was initiated in 1920 — the 100th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, who is credited with having established the modern profession of nursing.



North Calvary, Philadelphia, Begins New Auditorium

North Calvary Church, Philadelphia, held a groundbreaking service April 2, for a new auditorium and additional educational space. Construction is now underway and when completed will have a seating capacity of 450. The new building will be an expansion of the present building and will be most modern with approximately 8000 sq. ft. of extra space. The church was organized in 1960, and moved to its present site in 1962. The membership has increased each year and now has a present membership of 323. Pictured is part of the congregation and building committee who took part in the ceremony. The pastor, Rev. David Kendall, Johnnie Nicholson, builder, Bill Fox, Arnold Clark, builder, M. J. Cosgrove, L. B. Chaney, James Porter and Roger Winters.

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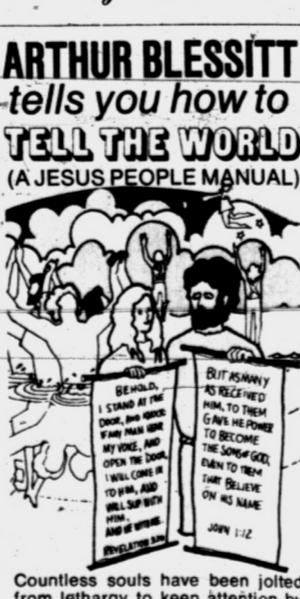
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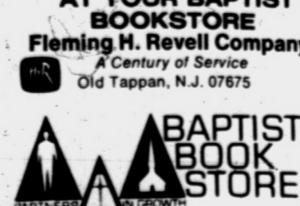
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## Devotional

**What Is Your Life?**

By O. P. Moore, Faculty, Clarke College

The world's outstanding teachers from Socrates, Jesus, and on to the present day have made great use of the question. A good question can be highly provocative of thought. James, the half-brother of our Lord, asked in his epistle James 4:14, "For what is your life?" He had asked already a number of piercing questions, but perhaps none are quite equal to this one.

James gives some answers to his question about life in general. First, he says life is brief. "It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14b). It is as a morning fog in other words. When the sun comes up, the fog disappears. Job observed "Man born of woman is of few days—." The Psalmist said, "It is as a tale that is told."

Second, James says life is uncertain. "Whereas, ye know not what shall be on the morrow." (James 4:14a) James is saying, it seems, in so many words that man proposes but God disposes. James seems to be reminding his readers to make good use of the "ifs" of life in planning their lives.

One of the great "ifs" we are to use is "IF" God so wills, we shall do so and so. Perhaps it should be said that the poet was agreeing with James when he wrote these lines:

Our times are in His hands  
Who sayeth a whole I have planned.

James is most certainly recognizing the unsureness of life, and that it is of vital importance that finite creatures as men should consider this fact and that they should take into consideration HIM who is the author, giver, and planner of life.

Third, life may be lived with or without a conscious leadership of God. God may be left out of one's speech and deeds. Verse 13 clearly has this thought where James says, "Go to now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain." It is clearly stated that one who so plans his future is not taking God into consideration. Such a one would doubtless be as W. E. Henley who wrote:

I am the master of my fate  
I am the captain of my soul

This poor man quoted above, it is said, died in the insane hospital, which seems to be quite contradictory of his vain boast.

Fourth, life must be accounted for. When sin enters life—and that slimy serpent has crossed the path of all—there is a demand of God that it be accounted for. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." (James 4:17) No truth is more clearly taught in the Scriptures than is this one. Paul said, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Romans 2:6).

The all-important matter is to have our lives hid with Christ in God. Faith in Christ connects our lives with God. An atheist lay dying. He was heard to say, "Pull the curtain; the farce is done." A Christian on the other hand who was dying was heard to say, "Lift the curtain; life has just begun."

What is YOUR life? WHERE is your life?

**Ridgeland Completes Successful Sunday School Campaign**

Ridgeland Church has just completed a successful Sunday School Attendance Campaign. The campaign was conducted for six weeks, March 5 — April 9.

The goal of the campaign was to average 301 in Sunday School for six weeks. Prior to the campaign, the enrollment was 300 with an average attendance of 237 since October, 1971.

Each department and class set goals and asked each class member to sign a commitment card to attend for the six weeks. The results: Average Attendance — 306; New Sunday School Members — 34; Visitors — 88.

The second week of the Campaign, a new attendance record was set with 356 present.

Rev. Jerry D. Odom is pastor.

**FMB Book Editor Honored Upon Her Retirement Apr. 30**

Miss Genevieve Greer, book editor of the Foreign Mission Board since 1950, was guest of honor at a luncheon following a meeting of the board in Jackson April 12.

Miss Greer will retire April 30, ending nearly 27 years of service to the board. She began working as secretary to the editor of The Commission magazine in 1945.

In her 22 years as book editor, Miss Greer has been responsible for the editing and production of 107 Graduate Series foreign mission study books, 96 teachers' guides, 19 annual reports, four missionary albums and five supplements, and various books written by board staff members.

**O'Tuckolofa Homecoming**

Homecoming at O'Tuckolofa Church, Yalobusha County, will be observed Sunday, May 7, Rev. Harry Sartain, pastor, announces.

Special guest speaker for the morning service will be Rev. Elvis Vance, pastor of the Airport Church, Grenada. Dinner on the grounds will be followed by singing, featuring the Wilson Brothers of Potts Camp.

**Women's Fellowship Celebrates Birthday**

The Baptist Women's Fellowship of First Church of Lexington celebrated its first birthday March 23, in the home of Mrs. Will Barrett. Mrs. Emmett Reese, chairman, presided over the meeting and Mrs. Jessie Mayo lead the opening prayer. Mrs. Reese presented a review of last year's meetings and accomplishments beginning with the first meeting March 28, 1971, with 37 ladies present. Other highlights of the year were Bible study, a tour of the Holmes County education center, the reception for the new pastor, Rev. Gus Merritt and family, and a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Sidney Henley. Mrs. Barrett entertained the ladies with slides of colorful trees and flowers from the homes of Lexington residents, still life pictures on the farm of John Word, and roses of Mayor William Moses. Then the ladies were invited into the dining room. The table was centered with a large white birthday cake and red roses.

**Church Moves From Memphis To Mississippi**

Rev. Armond Taylor, former pastor, Fairhaven Church, Rt. 2, Olive Branch, accepted the call to serve as pastor of the newly located Longview Heights Church, on April 9. Rev. and Mrs. Taylor and family have moved into their new home on 315 E. Stuart St., Olive Branch.

The Longview Heights Church recently moved to their new site on Goodman Road, from Memphis and is now a part of the DeSoto Association. The church is about three miles west of Olive Branch.

Mr. Taylor has served as the only pastor of the Fairhaven Church for a little over ten years and had led the church from a mission status to a fully organized church. About four years ago, the Fairhaven Church sponsored a mission that is now the Meadow Brook Church.

Taylor is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and Memphis Theological Seminary. He is serving as moderator of the DeSoto Assn., was formerly on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, also served as Assn. S. S. Director and in other places of leadership.

He states that the Longview Heights Church is now in the process of developing full church organizations, with plans to begin a Church Training program July 2. Plans have been announced for the first revival meeting in the new location with the pastor preaching May 21-22.

The new pastor states, "We commend the faithfulness of the few members who stayed with the church in Memphis and led in making the move

to Desoto County. We are thankful for their vision in purchasing the 5 - acre lot in the fall of 1970 and for guiding in the construction of the new building in 1971."

The church, after being in Memphis for 44 years, moved into their new building in the fall of 1971, Rev. Er-

vin Brown, Supt. of Missions, DeSoto Assn., served as supply pastor until Taylor came in April. The new building provides a temporary auditorium, fellowship hall, rest room, Sunday School rooms, and later, as the church grows, a new sanctuary will be built.

**REVIVAL RESULTS****PARKHILL, JACKSON**

April 17-23; Rev. Joe H. Stovall, pastor; Rick Ingale, Denton, Texas, evangelist; Doug Harper, singer; 54 professions of faith; 40 public rededications.

**North Calvary, Philadelphia**, (Necklace County); April 9-14; 25 professions of faith; 40 rededications; Rev. Glen Savell of Pascagoula, evangelist; Floyd Grice of Brookhaven, music; Rev. David Kendall, pastor.

**First Church, Brooklyn**: March 23-31; Rev. Emory G. May, evangelist; Harvey Kelley, music evangelist; Rev. Lavern Musser, pastor; six professions of faith, and three surrender to full time service.

**White Sand Church, Prentiss**: April 16-21; Rev. Emory G. May, evangelist; Rev. Billy Green, pastor; five professions of faith, three to surrender to full time service, and 38 rededications.

**Calvary Church, Holly Springs**, Rev. Guy Culver, evangelist, 3 professions of faith in Christ, 3 additions by letter or statement, 10 dedications to greater Christian service. Rev. Charles R. Farmer pastor.

The contemporary youth culture has a decidedly religious dimension, though it rejects as hypocritical any church that fails to meet human needs. — C. W. Brister in *It's Tough GROWING UP*, a Broadman book.

**Calvary Church, Gulfport**: May 7-12; services each evening at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Russell Harris, Harmony Church, Picayune, evangelist; Jerry McCleary, singer; Rev. Joe Ivy, pastor.

**Revival Dates**

**Raymond Road, Jackson**, May 7-12; Rev. Sam Creel, evangelist; services each night during week; dinner on the ground on Sunday, May 7, which will be Homecoming Day; Rev. R. R. Newman, pastor.

**North McComb Church, McComb**; May 7-12; Rev. James Fancher, evangelist (picture); Rev. Charles M. Conley, pastor of the church.

**Olivet Church, Bel Aire, Gulfport**: May 7-14; Rev. Jerry D. Moore, evangelistic preacher — singer, preaching services at 7:30 p.m.; Willard W. Wisby, minister of music of Olivet, in charge of choir and congregational singing; special music tentatively scheduled for Tuesday evening is the Bible Tone Quartet of Lumberton; special youth emphasis Tuesday night; Rev. Floyd E. Hughes, pastor. (Mr. Moore is staff evangelist of Sequoia Hills Church, Tulsa, Okla. He has had recently released two stereo albums.)

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